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Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on July 9, 2001, but has not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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